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Department of Health  
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**DATE:** February 20, 2009

**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

**FROM:** A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS  
Manager, Food Protection Program

**SUBJECT:** Theo Chocolate -Peanut Recall

**SUGGESTED**

**ACTION:** Peanut Recall; Due to *Salmonella typhimurium*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled product was distributed in the State of Indiana. Peanut Butter Big Daddy and Peanut Confections were sold through retailers nationwide, direct to consumers from our website and at the Theo Chocolate Factory store in Seattle. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

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***Theo Chocolate Issues Nationwide Recall of "Peanut Butter Big Daddy" and Peanut Confections Due to Possible Health Risk***

**Contact:**

Theo Chocolate  
206-632-5100 Ext 1042  
9am-5pm Pacific Standard Time

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** --Seattle, WA -- February 17, 2009 --- Theo Chocolate, Inc., Seattle, Washington is voluntarily recalling Peanut Butter Big Daddy and Peanut Confections because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. Theo Chocolate's other products are not involved in the recall.

*Salmonella* is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

**Peanut Butter Big Daddy and Peanut Confections** were sold through retailers nationwide, direct to consumers from our website and at the Theo Chocolate Factory store in Seattle.

**Theo Brand PEANUT BUTTER BIG DADDY** contains 3 pieces in a brown cardboard package with a red and white sleeve and the UPC code: 8-74492-00023-3. This product has a 90-day shelf life with a "BEST BY" sticker located on the underneath of the package. Affected "BEST BY dates" are 8/15/2008 to 2/28/2009.

**Theo Brand 12 PIECE COLLECTION BOX 4.5 oz** contains peanut confections with peanut sprinkles, or individual, loose peanut confections purchased from the Theo Retail Store or website in 2, 4, 6, 12, 18 or 32 piece brown cardboard box packaging and no UPC codes. These products had a two-week shelf life and "BEST BY" dates of 8/15/2008 to 12/15/2008.

No known illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this product. This recall was initiated after it was determined that the peanut product (organic peanut splits) received from our supplier, GloryBee Foods, may have been manufactured by Peanut Corporation of America (PCA) at their Texas facility. Theo Chocolate has informed FDA of its actions and is fully cooperating with the Agency.

Consumers who have purchased this product are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers who have purchased the recalled products are urged to destroy them but retain the "Best By/Sell By" code found on the back of the package. Consumers with questions or requesting a refund may contact Theo Chocolate at (206) 632-5100. Details also can be found at [Theo Chocolate](#)

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